

The Neopans

NEO-PANGLOSSIAN

Listen to us! You don't know your history.
Our plan is based on special reality
transformed to art.

CITIZEN

But it's all fucked up! People get up one
morning and are dead by evening. And for
ever-changing reasons! We're an occupying
army, like despised Germany in France.
To the world, a lower and lower variety
of shit! The new Nazis.

NEO-PANGLOSSIAN

Oh come on! Is this a movie? Noir? Set in
romantic, if decaying, Europe?

CITIZEN

President rules by divine right, his party
rubber stamping everything. No balls!

And if you can have fewer than none,
label you Democrat.

All lie to furnish their niches, but you're
the master.

NEO-PANGLOSSIAN

Uh huh? You can't remember things being
worse I suppose? Well, History is long, my
friend. Read Strauss, especially the concept
of the NOBLE Lie. Holy Lie it should
be called.

As a footnote, we'll soon distribute
pictures of Cheney where he doesn't scowl--
contrary to stereotype, we joke all the
time.

CITIZEN
You're crazy!

NEO-PANGLOSSIAN
Like a fox, my peasant friend.

CITIZEN
Peasant, huh? I guess you can't, then, weave a
circle round me thrice, and feed me
honeydew, and the milk of paradise?

NEO-PANGLOSSIAN
Only those in the circle who totally
subscribe. The beauty part--allow me to
flick a tear away--is that you don't have
to in order to fight and die for our
ideals.

CITIZEN
I'll take a pass.

NEO-PANGLOSSIAN
We're thinking of forbidding that at
The Academy of Clouds.

CITIZEN
What you've enabled might result in
terrorists rigging up atomic briefcases
with Radio Shack Parts.

NEO-PANGLOSSIAN
Then do what we do. Buy Radio Shack stock.